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LAGOS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

DEPT ALSO PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, SO, ET
SUBJ: SOMALIA CITES AIR ATTACK ON KALA BEYD

1. THE AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING,
APRIL 1, TO BE INFORMED OFFICIALLY OF THE ETHIOPIAN AIR ATTACK ON
KALA-BEYED VILLAGE. DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHARIF ASKED THAT:

- (1) THE UNITED STATES PUBLICLY CONDEMN THE ATTACK,
- (2) THE UNITED STATES USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS
TO AVOID REPETITION OF SUCH INCIDENTS, AND
- (3) THE UNITED STATES NOTE THAT THE SOMALI GOVT RESERVES TO
ITSELF THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE
ACTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED.

SHARIF DID NOT OFFER ANY CASUALTY FIGURES OR ANY FURTHER
DETAILS REGARDING THE AIR ATTACK. HE SAID THE SOMALI GOVT WOULD
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BE CALLING IN OTHER FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS AND MAKING SIMILAR PRESENT-
ATIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT SOMALI GOVT WOULD PUBLISH A
REVISED PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE ATTACK.

2. RADIO MOGADISCIO ANNOUNCED THE ATTACK ON THE AFTERNOON OF
MARCH 31. ACCORDING TO THE SONNA (OFFICIAL NEWS SOMALI AGENCY),
TWO ETHIOPIAN MIG-21 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE VILLAGE TWICE

BEGINNING AT 0800Z ON THE 31ST. (WE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE VILLAGE ON OUR MAPS, BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATED IT IS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE HARGESIA BORAMA ROAD AND THE MAIN ROAD TO JIGJIGA.

OR ABOUT 53 MILES WEST NORTHWEST OF HARGEISA AND 11 MILES EACH NORTHEAST OF THE BORDER CROSSING POINT AT TUG WAJALE POST.)

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST ALLEGED AIR ATTACK ON A SOMALI TARGET INSIDE THE PRE-HOSTILITIES BORDER OF SOMALIA IN SEVERAL WEEKS. I CANNOT RULE OUT THAT IT MAY BE AN ETHIOPIAN RESPONSE TO WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT CLAIMS OF SIGNIFICANT IF LOCAL MILITARY SUCCESSES IN THE OGADEN OVER THE PAST WEEK. IF THAT IS THE CASE, IT BODES ILL FOR STABILITY IN THE AREA. THERE IS, HOWEVER, REMARKABLY LITTLE DETAIL AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. I SUGGEST WE KEEP THE INCIDENT IN MIND, AND SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT DEPLORING VIOLENCE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PRE-HOSTILITIES LINE, NOTING THAT SUCH ACTS CAN ONLY INCREASE TENSION AND DELAY THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE HORN OF AFRICA.
LOUGHRAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE.

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